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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE - SOVIET PAPER ON GEOSTATIONARY
ORBIT

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF A USSR WORKING PAPER
ENTITLED "CONSIDERATIONS ON THE LEGAL STATUS OF
GEOSTATIONARY ORBITS" (A/AC.105/L.94). IN COURSE OF
THEIR GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT 21 JUNE, MAIORSKI TOUCHED
BRIEFLY ON THIS MATTER SAYING USSR HOPES THE FUR
PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THEIR PAPER WILL PROVE ACCEPTABLE
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE OSC. THE FOUR PRINCIPLES READ
BEGIN QUOTE:

(1) THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT IS INSEPARABLE FROM OUTER
SPACE AND ALL RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE 1967 TREATY ON
PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF STATES IN THE
EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE, INCLUDING THE MOON
AND OTHER CELESTIAL BODIES ARE APPLICABLE TO IT. UNDER
THAT TREATY, THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT, LIKE OUTER
SPACE AS A WHOLE, IS NOT SUBJECT TO NATIONAL
APPROPRIATION BY ANY MEANS WHATSOEVER.

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(2) THE PLACING OF SATELLITES IN GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT
BY STATES CREATES NO RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP OVER THE
RESPECTIVE ORBITAL POSITIONS OF THE SATELLITES OR
OVER SEGMENTS OF THE ORBIT.

(3) ALL STATES ENJOY AN EQUAL RIGHT TO THE UTILIZA-
TION OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT. THE UTILIZATION OF
GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT BY STATES MUST NOT BE DETRIMENTAL

TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHER STATES.

(4) STATES SHALL CO-OPERATE ON QUESTIONS OF THE
PLACING OF COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES IN GEOSTATIONARY
ORBIT WITH DUE REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION
UNION CONCERNING THE UTILIZATION OF THE RADIO-FREQUENCY
SPECTRUM ALLOCATED FOR THE VARIOUS TYPES OF SPACE
COMMUNICATIONS. END QUOTE. MEEHAN

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